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TYPES OF ADVISORIES

Bulletin

Describes current developments or general trends regarding threats of terrorism.

Elevated Alert

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This monthly newsletter is published to inform NASA personnel of significant issues related to counterintelligence, counterterrorism, and counterintelligence cyber matters. To learn more about CI/CT awareness, or to schedule a CI/CT presentation, please contact the CI point of contact located on the last page.

Significant Counterterrorism (CT) Issues:

THE CALIPHATE PLODS ON



The network of jihadi organizations al-Baghdadi created in less than ten years endures, as does its capacity to inspire likeminded individuals and groups to conduct terror attacks in their own cities and countries.

<https://www.city-journal.org/al-baghdadi-islamic-state-syria>

TRINIDAD'S ISLAMIC STATE PROBLEMS

One of the least known, but most alarming, aspects of the Islamic State is its ability to draw recruits and sympathizers from around the world, including from many countries not known as hotbeds of radicalism. On a per-capita basis, Trinidad was one of the largest providers of volunteers for the caliphate, a development that seems to come out of nowhere.

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/trinidads-islamic-state-problem>



FBI SCRUTINIZES OVER 2,000 CASES TIED TO FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGS



The FBI says it is investigating more than 2,000 cases tied to groups designated by the United States as foreign terrorist organizations, a figure that reflects the persistent threat posed by outfits such as al-Qaida and Hezbollah.

<https://www.voanews.com/usa/fbi-scrutinizes-over-2000-cases-tied-foreign-terrorist-organizations>

Significant Counterintelligence Issues:

FOREIGN-BORN RESEARCHERS AT US AGENCIES WORKING FOR CHINA

Foreign-born researchers working for U.S. agencies were secretly on China's payroll, signing side agreements to send sensitive research to that country as part of a recruitment operation called the Thousand Talents Plan, a Senate report published this month found.

<https://dailycaller.com/2019/11/19/china-thousand-talents-fbi-nih-energy/>





FAST DRAGNET TARGETS THEFT OF BIOMEDICAL SECRETS FOR CHINA



The N.I.H. and the F.B.I. have begun a vast effort to root out scientists who they say are stealing biomedical research for other countries from institutions across the United States. Almost all of the incidents they uncovered and that are under investigation involve scientists of Chinese descent, including naturalized American citizens, allegedly stealing for China.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/04/health/china-nih-scientists.html>

ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE CHARGES LEVIED ON MONSANTO INSIDER

An imaging scientist within Monsanto's Climate Corporation subsidiary was indicted by a grand jury this week for theft of trade secrets. Haitao Xiang, a Chinese national who was a member of the 1000 Talent Plan program, which China uses to identify and engage those with knowledge it has identified as strategically important, worked for the Monsanto subsidiary from 2008-2017.



<https://news.clearancejobs.com/2019/11/23/economic-espionage-charges-levied-on-monsanto-insider/>

Analyst Notes – Items to Watch:

ISIS continues to exist, despite the West's best military and police actions. Its struggle against the West, as well as the Al-Qaeda organization, will continue into the future. The radical Islamic movement has spread into at least into 32 countries, creating a vast network of terrorist cells and sympathizers worldwide. Recent reports from the FBI and the U.S. Senate show that Chinese espionage efforts against the United States are vast and both traditional (spies) and non-traditional (students, faculty, researchers, visitors). The FBI, in concert with other law enforcement entities have begun a concerted "push-back" against these illegal operations. The NASA CI/CT division continues to monitor these threats and any others that have the potential to harm NASA or its equities.

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